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PHILIP BASTEDO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL SURGERY

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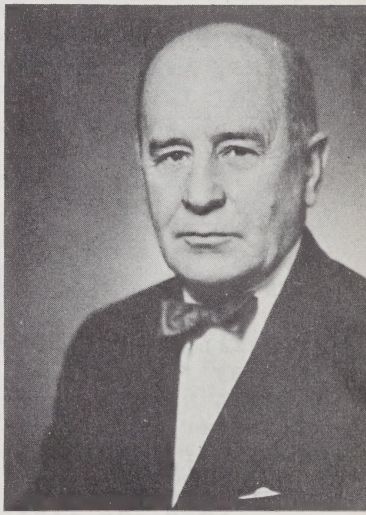

SAMUEL S. DURYEE

At a meeting of the Board of Managers on May 8th, Mr. Philip Bastedo was elected President of New York Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled, Mr. Samuel S. Duryee, President since 1948, having tendered his resignation on February 13, 1958.

Mr. Bastedo was elected to the Board in 1955. He is a member of the law firm of Wickes, Riddle, Bloomer, Jacobi & McGuire of 60 Broadway, N.Y. He was born in New York City on December 13th, 1908, son of the late Dr. Walter Arthur and Helen Russell Kip Bastedo. He is a graduate of Princeton University in the Class of 1929 and Harvard Law School, 1932. He was Deputy Director of the United States Office of Civilian Defense in 1942-43, and served in the Office of Strategic Services here and abroad as a civilian and as a Naval officer in 1943-45. He is a member of the Board of New York Association for the Blind and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Pilgrims. He belongs to the Century Association, Coffee House, Lunch Club, and Metropolitan Club (Washington, D.C.). He is married and has three children; a daughter and two sons. His home is at 925 Park Avenue, N.Y.

Mr. Bastedo has been elected president at a time when this hospital has become adjusted to its new building and its affiliation with New York Hospital as the Orthopedic Service of the Center. He assumes office also at a time when Special Surgery is expanding with the erection of its new Caspary Research Building. Upon the completion of this addition a very important and very active department will come into being on a scale much larger than the present research facilities on the second floor.

THE RECORD AND CHRONICLE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE MR. BASTEDO UPON HIS ELECTION AND TO WISH HIM GREAT SUCCESS DURING HIS YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY.

MR. DURYEE JOINED THE BOARD OF MANAGERS IN 1940, WAS ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT IN 1945 AND ITS PRESIDENT IN 1948. HIS TEN YEARS AS PRESIDENT HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE ONES DURING WHICH GREAT CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT HSS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE BEST WAY TO FULLY APPRECIATE WHAT HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED OVER THOSE YEARS IS TO ASK THOSE WITH WHOM HE WAS MOST CLOSELY ASSOCIATED.

WE WROTE TO MR. LAWRENCE MCK. MILLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS AND HE REPLIED: "IT HAS BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE HOSPITAL FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS, AND DURING THAT TIME THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR DIFFERENT PRESIDENTS. IN RECENT YEARS, IN MY CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, I HAVE QUITE NATURALLY BEEN VERY CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH MR. DURYEE AND I CAN TRUTHFULLY SAY THAT UNDER HIM, IN THE PAST TEN YEARS, MORE CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, IN EVERY WAY THAT I CAN THINK OF, THAN IN THE PREVIOUS TWENTY YEARS OF MY TENURE ON THE BOARD. ONE THING THAT STANDS OUT AS HAVING BEEN ACCOMPLISHED DURING HIS TERM AS PRESIDENT AND THAT, OF COURSE IS THE AFFILIATION WITH THE NEW YORK HOSPITAL-CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER, AND AS A RESULT OF THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HOSPITAL AND NOW THE NEW RESEARCH BUILDING (JUST STARTED). IT TAKES LITTLE IMAGINATION TO REALIZE THE COUNTLESS HOURS WHICH MR. DURYEE HAS SPENT OVER THE YEARS IN THE INTEREST OF THE HOSPITAL AT GREAT PERSONAL SACRIFICE TO HIMSELF. I FEEL REASONABLY SURE THAT MR. DURYEE MUST FEEL A DEEP SENSE OF SELF-SATISFACTION FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR OUR WONDERFUL INSTITUTION, AND IF HE DOES NOT, HE CERTAINLY SHOULD."

FROM THE TIME AFFILIATION WITH NEW YORK HOSPITAL WAS FIRST CONSIDERED UNTIL IT WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT, THE SURGEON-IN-CHIEF AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD HAD RESPONSIBILITIES THAT NECESSITATED CLOSE COOPERATION AT ALL TIMES. THIS IS WHAT THAT RELATIONSHIP MEANT TO DR. PHILIP D. WILSON, NOW SURGEON-IN-CHIEF, EMERITUS, AND DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH & EDUCATION:

"PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH A HOSPITAL SUCH AS THE H.S.S., ARE VERY APT TO TAKE FOR GRANTED THE FACT THAT THE ORGANIZATION RUNS SMOOTHLY. THEY DON'T OFTEN STOP TO CONSIDER WHAT MAKES THE MACHINE WORK OR TO INVESTIGATE ITS SOURCE OF POWER. THEY ARE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT THE MAINSPRING OF THIS MACHINE IS REPRESENTED BY A BODY OF LAY PERSONS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, WHO GIVE UNSELFISHLY OF TIME AND EFFORT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS RESULT. THIS BODY IS THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE HOSPITAL. IT REPRESENTS AND COMPRISES THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEW YORK SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF THE RUPTURED AND CRIPPLED, A CORPORATION WHICH OPERATES THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY AND THE MARGARET M. CASPARY CLINIC. THIS BOARD IS SELF-PERPETUATING; IT ELECTS ITS OWN MEMBERS AND ACCEPTS THE RESIGNATION OF THOSE WHO CAN NO LONGER SERVE. IN IT IS VESTED OWNERSHIP OF ALL PROPERTIES BELONGING TO, AND ALL FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE CORPORATION. IT HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF APPOINTING THE SURGEON-IN-CHIEF, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL

OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE SURGICAL SERVICE OF THE NEW YORK HOSPITAL, THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.

A BODY POSSESSING SUCH IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS AS THESE CAN OPERATE ONLY IF IT HAS A GOOD ORGANIZATION. THIS ORGANIZATION IS ACHIEVED THROUGH THE ELECTION OF ITS OFFICERS, THE PRESIDENT, VARIOUS VICE-PRESIDENTS, A TREASURER, A RECORDING AND A CORRESPONDING SECRETARY. THE PRESIDENT IS GIVEN BROAD POWERS AND IN ADDITION HAS THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT THE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES. IT IS THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE WORK OF THESE COMMITTEES AND, PARTICULARLY, OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THAT THE HOSPITAL MACHINERY IS KEPT WELL OILED AND RUNS SMOOTHLY. THE PRESIDENT EXERTS GREAT PERSONAL INFLUENCE BECAUSE HE NOT ONLY COORDINATES THE WORK OF THE DIFFERENT COMMITTEES, BUT ALSO THROUGH HIS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL STAFF, HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTERPRETING MEDICAL POLICIES TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND OBTAINING THEIR APPROVAL.

WITHOUT SOME UNDERSTANDING OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS AND PARTICULARLY OF THE PART PLAYED BY ITS PRESIDENT IN THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR HOSPITAL, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE MEMBERS OF ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS OF THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY TO APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT OF SAMUEL DURYEE AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD ON MAY 8TH, 1958. SINCE I WORKED IN CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH HIM, AFTER HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT IN 1948, I FEEL QUALIFIED TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE ENORMOUS VALUE OF THE SERVICES HE RENDERED DURING THIS LONG AND CRITICAL PERIOD OF TEN YEARS. BECAUSE HE POSSESSES A FRIENDLY NATURE WHICH HAS ENDEARED HIM TO ALL, I FEEL THAT WE SHALL NOT BE DETRACTING FROM HIS DIGNITY IN DROPPING FORMALITIES AND CALLING HIM HEREAFTER BY HIS GIVEN NAME OF SAM.

HE WAS ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AT A TIME WHEN THE FUTURE OF OUR HOSPITAL WAS SHROUDED IN DOUBT. FROM STUDIES THAT HAD BEEN MADE IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT WITH THE CHANGING TIMES IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR OUR HOSPITAL TO SURVIVE SUCCESSFULLY FOR LONG, AS AN ISOLATED INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION SPECIALIZING IN ORTHOPEDIC CONDITIONS AND RHEUMATIC DISEASES, AND FUNCTIONING IN OUR OLD LOCATION ON 42ND STREET. WE HAD A CHOICE OF SEVERAL COURSES; WE COULD AFFILIATE WITH ONE OF THE LOCAL MEDICAL SCHOOLS WHICH WOULD NECESSITATE MOVING TO A NEW LOCATION, OR WE COULD EXPAND TO BECOME A GENERAL HOSPITAL WITH SPECIAL ORTHOPEDIC INTERESTS. OPINION WAS DIVIDED AS TO THE ADVISABILITY OF THESE PLANS AND IT WAS AT THIS TIME AND IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THESE DOUBTS THAT SAM WROTE TO DOCTOR ALLEN GREGG, DIRECTOR OF THE MEDICAL DIVISION OF THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION AND ASKED HIM TO STUDY THE SITUATION AND EXPRESS AN ADVISORY OPINION. DOCTOR GREGG RECOMMENDED THAT THE HOSPITAL SHOULD TRY TO ARRANGE AN AFFILIATION WITH THE NEW YORK HOSPITAL-CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER AND BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING IN ITS VICINITY. THIS OPINION WAS ACCEPTED BY ALL.

THEN FOLLOWED A PERIOD OF NEGOTIATION WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NEW YORK HOSPITAL AND THESE WERE CONDUCTED CHIEFLY BY SAM DURYEE HIMSELF. THESE FINALLY CULMINATED IN 1949 WITH AN AGREEMENT OF AFFILIATION UNDER THE TERMS OF WHICH A BUILDING SITE WAS DONATED ON WHICH OUR BOARD UNDERTOOK TO CONSTRUCT A NEW HOSPITAL ENTIRELY AT ITS OWN EXPENSE. AUTONOMY OF THE NEW INSTITUTION WITH DUE REGARD TO THE BROAD GENERAL POLICIES OF THE CENTER AND COORDINATION OF ITS TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES WAS ACCEPTED AND THE CONTROL OF ITS OPERATIONS AND FINANCES BY ITS OWN BOARD OF MANAGERS WAS RECOGNIZED.

THEN CAME THE PROBLEM OF FINANCING THE NEW CONSTRUCTION AND SAM RALLIED BOTH THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND OF THE MEDICAL STAFF TO GO OUT AND RAISE FUNDS. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE NEW BUILDING WAS THREE AND ONE HALF MILLION DOLLARS AND ENOUGH SUCCESS WAS OBTAINED FROM A FINANCIAL STANDPOINT TO PERMIT GOING AHEAD WITH BUILDING PLANS. THEN CAME THE KOREAN WAR AND ALL PLANS FOR STARTING CONSTRUCTION HAD TO BE POSTPONED. AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, SAM WAS ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE NEW YORK HOSPITAL-CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER A PLAN OF NON-PROXIMAL AFFILIATION WHICH ALLOWED OUR ORTHOPEDIC STAFF TO TAKE OVER THE OPERATION OF THE ORTHOPEDIC CLINICS, SERVICE, AND UNDER-GRADUATE TEACHING AT NEW YORK HOSPITAL, ON A TEMPORARY BASIS AND THIS PROVED AN EXCELLENT PREPARATORY EXPERIENCE FOR OUR LATER SERVICE IN THE NEW BUILDING.

FINALLY IN 1953 WE WERE ABLE TO BEGIN THE NEW CONSTRUCTION BUT AS A RESULT OF INFLATIONARY TRENDS, WE NOW FOUND THAT THE ESTIMATED COST HAD JUMPED FROM 3 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS TO ABOUT SIX MILLIONS. MORE THAN 2 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS HAD TO BE RAISED. NO ONE KNEW WHERE THIS MONEY WAS TO BE OBTAINED, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO REALIZE 2 1/2 MILLION FROM THE SALE OF OUR 42ND STREET PROPERTY, WE HAD RECEIVED A LEGACY OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS SHORTLY BEFORE FROM THE WILKS ESTATE AND A NUMBER OF FRIENDS CAME TO OUR AID, INCLUDING MR. ALFRED CASPARY WITH A GIFT OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS. WE WERE THUS ABLE TO BEGIN BUILDING OPERATIONS IN 1953 AND TO MOVE AND OCCUPY THE NEW HOSPITAL IN MAY, 1955.

MUCH OF THIS IS AN OLD STORY, BUT IT IS NECESSARY TO REVIEW IT HERE BECAUSE SAM DURYEE'S TERM OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT CORRESPONDED WITH THE YEARS IN WHICH CRUCIAL DECISIONS, CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE HOSPITAL HAD TO BE MADE, SUPPORT OF POLICIES HAD TO BE WON AND UNITY OF PURPOSE AND EFFORT ACHIEVED BOTH AMONG MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND OF THE MEDICAL STAFF.

I BELIEVE THAT THE HIGH QUALITY OF HIS LEADERSHIP WAS ATTESTED BETTER BY THE ATTAINMENT OF THIS UNITY OF PURPOSE AMONG ALL THE VARIED ELEMENTS OF OUR HOSPITAL ORGANIZATION THAN BY ANYTHING ELSE. HE KNEW FROM THE BEGINNING THAT UNITY WAS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS AND HE WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO OBTAIN IT. ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WAS TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF OUR MEDICAL STAFF WHO COULD NOT BE RETAINED AFTER THE ACTIVITIES OF THE

HOSPITAL BECAME LIMITED ENTIRELY TO ORTHOPEDICS AND RHEUMATIC DISEASES. THESE INCLUDED PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAD BEEN ON THE GENERAL SURGICAL AND SPECIAL SURGICAL SERVICES AT THE OLD HOSPITAL. MR. DURYEE SHOWED HIS LOYALTY TO THESE MEN ON MANY OCCASIONS AND SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING STAFF PRIVILEGES FOR MOST OF THEM IN THE NEW YORK HOSPITAL.

TO GLOSS OVER, IN A FEW SENTENCES, THESE YEARS OF TRANSITION FROM THE OLD INDEPENDENT HOSPITAL ON 42ND STREET TO THE MAGNIFICENT NEW BUILDING ON EAST 70TH STREET WITH ITS RESPONSIBILITIES OF AFFILIATION, TEACHING AND SPECIALIZATION IS MAKING IT TOO SIMPLE. AS FAR AS SAM DURYEE WAS CONCERNED, THEY WERE YEARS OF INTENSE ACTIVITY AND DEDICATED EFFORT. PROBLEMS WERE CONSTANTLY ARISING WHICH REQUIRED DECISION BY THE PRESIDENT, WHETHER MATTERS CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH THE CENTER, PLANNING OF THE NEW HOSPITAL, RAISING MONEY, OR AFFECTING RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE MEDICAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF. ALL OF THESE MATTERS REQUIRED IMMEDIATE DECISION AND ALL RAISED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE PRESIDENT HAD THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS. SAM WAS ABLE TO ACT IN THESE SITUATIONS BECAUSE HE HAD THE COMPLETE BACKING OF HIS BOARD AND BECAUSE HE HAD THE WISDOM TO KNOW HOW TO DRAW THE LINE BETWEEN THE QUESTIONS HE COULD DECIDE HIMSELF AND THOSE WHERE HE SHOULD CONSULT HIS BOARD.

THERE WERE INNUMERABLE MEETINGS OF BOARD, MEDICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COMMITTEES DURING THESE YEARS, AND THE MAJORITY OF THESE WERE ATTENDED BY SAM. HE GAVE ENORMOUS AMOUNTS OF TIME AND THOUGHT TO THE HOSPITAL AND HIS LEADERSHIP WAS FELT AND APPROVED BY ALL. HE ENLISTED SUPPORT FOR ALL POLICIES AND OTHER MATTERS WHICH HE ADVOCATED AND OBTAINED AN UNIFIED FRONT AGAINST ALL OPPOSITION. I DON'T KNOW ON WHAT HOURLY RATE SAM'S LAW FIRM EVALUATES HIS SERVICES, BUT I DO KNOW THAT IF CONSIDERED FROM THAT STANDPOINT, THE TIME SAM DONATED TO THE HOSPITAL DURING THESE YEARS, WOULD HAVE BEEN WORTH MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

IN ONE PARTICULAR MATTER CONCERNING A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION THAT WAS TO PROVE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO THE HOSPITAL, SAM DESERVES SOLE CREDIT. THIS WAS THE ACQUISITION OF AN OPTION TO BUY THE LOT TO THE NORTH OF THE HOSPITAL BETWEEN 71ST AND 72ND STREET, ON THE EAST RIVER. DURING THE EARLY PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HOSPITAL, HE SUDDENLY DISCOVERED THAT THIS PROPERTY WAS TO BE PUT UP FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION. HE CALLED ME AND I REMEMBER GOING UP WITH HIM IN THE LATE AFTERNOON TO VIEW THE AREA. HE HAD A FEAR THAT OUR NEW BUILDING MIGHT BE LOCKED IN BY HOSTILE REAL ESTATE OWNERS AND THAT WE MUST HAVE ROOM FOR FUTURE EXPANSION. HE HAD LITTLE TIME IN WHICH TO ACT, BUT HE CALLED UP A FEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND OBTAINED THE APPROVAL WHICH ALLOWED HIM TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY. WITHOUT THIS ACT THERE WOULD BE NO RESEARCH BUILDING IN CONSTRUCTION TODAY NOR ANY PLANS FOR ANY. HE HAD A GREAT NOSE FOR REAL ESTATE AND THIS LEAD HIM A FEW YEARS LATER TO PROPOSE TO THE BOARD THE PURCHASE OF AN OPTION ON PROPERTY TO THE WEST OF THE RESEARCH BUILDING SITE. THIS WAS APPROVED AND AS A RESULT THE HOSPITAL HAS BEEN PLACED IN A FAVORABLE SITUATION FOR CONTROLLING ADDITIONAL ADJACENT REAL ESTATE IF IT SO DESIRES. THROUGH SAM'S FORE-

SIGHT THE HOSPITAL HAS BEEN RELIEVED OF POSSIBLE WORRY OVER BEING LOCKED IN.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS, SAM ALWAYS CALLED HIS MEETINGS TO ORDER ON TIME AND EXPEDITED THE BUSINESS. HE WAS AN ADMIRABLE PRESIDING OFFICER BECAUSE HE ALWAYS GAVE DIVERGENT OPINIONS A CHANCE FOR FULL EXPRESSION. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE ALWAYS TRIED TO AVOID WASTING THE TIME OF HIS BOARD MEMBERS FROM CONFUSING DISCUSSION. TO AVOID THIS HE WENT TO GREAT LENGHTS TO OBTAIN CONCISE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES TO WHICH PROBLEM MATTERS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED. IN HIS PUBLIC APPEARANCES WHERE AS PRESIDENT, HE REPRESENTED THE HOSPITAL, HE PRESENTED A WORTHY AND DIGNIFIED FIGURE OF WHOM ALL COULD BE PROUD. HIS SPEECHES ALWAYS EXHIBITED HUMOR AND WISDOM AND WON HIM FRIENDS.

BY VIRTUE OF HAVING BEEN BORN IN MANHATTAN, SAM IS OF THAT RARE BREED A PURE NEW YORKER. HAVING GRADUATED FIRST FROM GROTON AND THEN FROM YALE, HE FORESOOK SOCIAL TRADITIONS TO SEEK HIS LAW DEGREE AT FORDHAM. HE SERVED IN THE FIELD ARTILLERY IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR AND ATTAINED THE RANK OF CAPTAIN. DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, HE SERVED AMONG THE CIVILIAN ADVISORS OF THE PRESIDENT AND WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE TAX AMORTIZATION BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR. HE ALWAYS FELT THE CALL TO SERVE HIS FELLOWMEN AND HIS EFFORTS ALONG THIS LINE WERE SO HIGHLY APPRECIATED THAT HE GENERALLY ENDED BY BEING MADE CHAIRMAN OF WHATEVER UNDERTAKING HE SET OUT TO HELP. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE YALE ALUMNI FUND AND IS CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GROTON SCHOOL. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF ST. JOHNS GUILD WHEN HE WAS FIRST ELECTED A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY. HE HAD A GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH ARRANGING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR HOSPITAL AND THE ST. JOHNS GUILD UNDER WHICH WE TOOK OVER AND OPERATED THE SEASIDE HOSPITAL ON STATEN ISLAND AS A CONVALESCENT FACILITY FOR OUR PATIENTS UNTIL THIS INSTITUTION WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE U.S. ARMY IN 1942. HE HAS A HOME AT GARRISON, NEW YORK WHERE HE WAS A NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND OF WILLIAM CHURCH OSBORN, WHO SERVED OUR HOSPITAL FOR MANY YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

WE ARE HAPPY THAT SAM IS ONLY RETIRING FROM THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND IS NOT LEAVING THE BOARD OF MANAGERS. HE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO REPRESENT OUR BOARD AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOCIETY OF THE NEW YORK HOSPITAL. ALL OF US WHO WORK IN THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY, AND HAVE ITS INTEREST AT HEART, OWE HIM A DEBT OF GRATITUDE FOR THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICES HE HAS GIVEN IN OUR BEHALF."

THERE IS PROBABLY NO ONE ON THE HOSPITAL TEAM WITH WHOM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD IS MORE FREQUENTLY IN TOUCH THAN THE DIRECTOR. IN HIS WORDS: "MR. SAMUEL S. DURYEE CAME ON THE BOARD OF SPECIAL SURGERY IN 1940. THE BOARD OF MANAGERS WAS QUICK TO SEE HIS CAPABILITIES, AND IN 1948 HE ACCEDED TO THE CHAIR OF PRESIDENCY. IT WAS AT THIS SAME

TIME THAT THE FUTURE DESTINY OF SPECIAL SURGERY WAS BEING SHAPED. I BEGAN TO KNOW MR. DURYEE. HE IS A MAN WITH WHOM I, IN THE LAST SIX YEARS, HAVE WORKED VERY CLOSELY AND WHOM I HAVE COME TO GREATLY ADMIRE.

HE GAVE OF HIS TIME AND KNOWLEDGE EVER WILLINGLY AND UNSTINTINGLY. NEVER IN THE YEARS THAT I HAVE KNOWN HIM WAS HE EVER TOO ENGROSSED IN HIS OWN ACTIVITIES NOT TO CONSIDER FIRST THE WELFARE OF OUR HOSPITAL. THERE ARE NOT MANY DIRECTORS OF VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS WHO ARE SO FORTUNATE AS TO HAVE HAD A MAN LIKE MR. DURYEE SO DEDICATED. VERY FEW PEOPLE, OTHER THAN OUR BOARD AND MEMBERS OF OUR ATTENDING STAFF, WILL EVER REALIZE HOW MUCH OF HIS TIME HE HAS ACTUALLY GIVEN DIRECTLY TO OUR HOSPITAL.

ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PERSONNEL, WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP GRATITUDE FOR HIS YEARS OF FAITHFUL GUIDANCE, HIS WISDOM, AND HIS SENSE OF HUMOR. WE ARE CERTAINLY GLAD HE IS GOING TO STAY ON OUR BOARD.

NOW MAY WE EXTEND TO HIS SUCCESSOR, MR. PHILIP BASTEDO, OUR CONGRATULATIONS UPON HIS ELECTION TO THE PRESIDENCY AND A WARM ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME."

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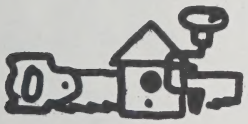
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



A NEW ADDITION TO THIS DEPARTMENT IS MISS CARMEN VIRGILI, A STUDENT THERAPIST FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. SHE HAS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN HOME ECONOMICS, AND A PHD. IN EDUCATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAVANA, CUBA, AND WILL BE WITH US FOR TWO MONTHS.

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE FIRST PRIZE WINNER OF THE PHOTO TINTING CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE VOLUNTEERS' SERVICE PHOTOGRAPHERS WAS MARIE CLARK, A THIRTEEN YEAR OLD PATIENT ON 5 NORTH. SHE IS THE YOUNGEST PERSON TO WIN THIS CONTEST, WHICH HAD ENTRIES FROM PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS THROUGHOUT MANHATTAN OBTAINING THIS PHOTO-TINTING SERVICE. ALL PATIENTS IN THESE HOSPITALS ARE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT ONE ENTRY, AND MARIE'S WAS VOTED THE BEST. THIS AWARD BRINGS WITH IT A CASH PRIZE OF $25.00, AND THIS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY ON MAY 13, 1958.

OUR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY VOLUNTEER, MRS. LEONARD WYETH CONDUCTS THE PHOTO TINTING GROUP EVERY MONDAY AFTERNOON ON 5 NORTH. HER CLASS CONSISTS OF EIGHT PATIENTS, ALL TEEN-AGERS.

MISS NICHOLS PRESENTED A LECTURE TO OCCUPATIONAL THEREPY STUDENTS AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ON THE ROLE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN THE TREATMENT OF ARTHRITIS.....MISS MELAMED ATTENDED THE ANNUAL PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOPEDIC CONFERENCE HELD AT THE HOTEL BILTMORE ON MAY 2, 1958. TWO UPPER EXTREMITY AMPUTEES WHO HAD RECEIVED TRAINING HERE DEMONSTRATED THEIR SKILL IN THE USE OF THEIR PROSTHESES.

********** E.M.

PAT BOONE, ENTERTAINMENT CHAIRMAN OF 1958 MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS HOPE CHEST VISITS M.S. PATIENTS. MRS. BESIE ALEXANDER, PENNY SUROTCHAK 1958 POSTER GIRL; MRS. TRUDY MOORE; MISS JEANNE HICKS, PHY. THERAPIST - MRS. MARION VARIO; PAT BOONE; JAN MAZUR.

DR. HAROLD R. WAINERDI ADDRESSES THE ALUMNAE OF THE SCHOOL FOR PRACTICAL NURSING.

DR. HEIMER TAKES SOME MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD AND W.A. ON A TOUR OF THE RESEARCH DEPT. - MRS. D. REUTER, MR. T. KENNEDY STEVENSON, MRS. A. WATKINS, MR. P. BASTEDO, PRESIDENT OF OUR BOARD OF MANAGERS AND MRS. C. BANNERMAN.

NIGHTINGALE'S CHIRP

VOGUE WOULD BE PROUD OF US! THREE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE NURSES ARE WEARING THE NEW CHEMISE UNIFORM. PERHAPS NEXT THE TRAPEZE LOOK AND THEN COLORED UNIFORMS. WHO CAN TELL IN THIS DRAMATIC AGE WHAT WILL OCCUR. WHETHER PRO OR CON THEY CERTAINLY SEEM TO KEEP THE CONVERSATION BUBBLING.

JEAN SMITH WILLIAMS, AN EX OF OUR PRACTICAL NURSING SCHOOL AND CLINIC STAFF BECAME THE MOTHER OF A 7 LB. 14 OZ. BOY ON MAY 7, 1958. (JAMES RUSSELL).....KATHLEEN MUNROE OF THE OPERATING ROOM STAFF REPRESENTED THE NURSING DEPARTMENT IN THE VARIETY SHOW, AND GAVE A SPARKLING PERFORMANCE.

WELCOMES ARE EXTENDED TO ANNE BRADY, R.N., CLAIRE MCGEE, R.N., CRERIA DI RITA, R.N. AND FLORENCE BALLARD, N.A., ALL OF WHOM JOINED OUR STAFF THIS MONTH. CLARA SILVESTRI HAS RETURNED TO 5 SOUTH AFTER A MONTH LEAVE OF ABSENCE SPENT IN FLORIDA WITH HER FAMILY.....WE WERE SORRY TO LEARN THAT JUDITH SHAFER AND GRACE MILNER, BOTH OF WHOM RESIGNED DURING APRIL.

J.L.

ALUMNAE DAY - SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL NURSING

A CERTAIN "AIR OF EXPECTATION" WAS FELT IN THE CORRIDORS OF HSS, FOR ONCE MORE OUR ALUMNAE WERE COMING HOME!

THE SECOND ALUMNAE REUNION OF THE PRACTICAL NURSING SCHOOL OF THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1958. OUT OF 104 ALUMNAE, 50 WERE PRESENT (IN CHEMISES, SACKS, AND THE LATEST MODE OF FASHION). WE WERE GREETED BY MR. T. GORDON YOUNG, DIRECTOR AND MISS MARY JEANNE CLAPP, DIRECTOR OF NURSING. MISS DEAN SMITH, DIRECTOR OF NURSING EDUCATION THEN PROCEEDED TO REVIEW THE 1957 HOSPITAL AND NURSING SCHOOL PROGRESS REPORT. THE SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL NURSING IS NOW ADMITTING TWO CLASSES PER ANNUM. CLASSES ARE NOW DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS WITH THESE NEW ADDITIONS. VACATION OCCURS DURING THE TRAINING PERIOD AND NOT AT THE CLOSE. THE COURSE CONSISTS OF SIXTEEN WEEKS PRE-CLINICAL, FIFTEEN WEEKS AT NEW YORK HOSPITAL AND NINETEEN WEEKS AT HSS. (FORMULA ROOM, CENTRAL SUPPLY AND OPERATING ROOM ARE NOW EXCLUDED).

MEMBERS OF THE TEACHING STAFF ARE: MISS KATHERINE HALSTED, MISS DOROTHY VISKOVICH, MISS VERONICA SUTCLIFFE, MISS MARY FIRTH AND MISS JILL LYONS.

MISS DEAN SMITH DEDICATED A FEW MOMENTS TO SPEAK ABOUT THE DEATH, ON OCTOBER 7, 1957 OF OUR BELOVED MISS ANN ROBERTS. WE THEN PROCEEDED TO "CHAT", SO TO SPEAK ABOUT ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BIRTH AND MARRIAGE. WE LEARNED OF FIVE BIRTHS; THEN WE DISCUSSED OUR VARIOUS JOBS. THIRTEEN GRADUATES ARE AT SPECIAL SURGERY AND FOUR AT NEW YORK HOSPITAL AND THE REST IN DIFFERENT HOSPITALS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, AMONG WHICH, WE HAVE ONE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ONE IN A DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

CONCERNING THE NURSING SCHOOL, THIS PAST YEAR, MISS SMITH SAID FOUR TUITION FREE SCOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO DESERVING APPLICANTS AND THUS FAR, TWELVE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN AIDED. SIX GRADUATES HAVE MADE APPLICATIONS TO THE TWO YEAR REGISTERED NURSE TRAINING PROGRAM AT QUEENS COLLEGE.

THE SUBJECT ABOUT A SCHOOL RING WAS THEN BROUGHT UP, AND A COMMITTEE OF: MRS. CATHERINE PEARCE, MISS ANN VITKO AND MISS CLARA SILVESTRI WERE CHOSEN TO DECIDE UPON IT. THE DECISION WAS A GOLD RING, ROUND BLACK ONYX STONE WITH A CADUCEUS ON THE FIELD AND THE WORDS "H.S.S. SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL NURSING" PRINTED AROUND THIS. AT THIS POINT THE SMOKING LAMP WAS LIT FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES. ONCE MORE WE STARTED THE BALL ROLLING AND PROCEEDED TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE THE CLASS OFFICERS. MISSES: BEST, HINDS, NEWMAN, SMITH AND SHINE WERE CHOSEN FOR THIS COMMITTEE. THE RESULTS OF NOMINATIONS WERE: MISS ELOISE MILLS, PRESIDENT (SECOND TIME), MISS ANN M. VITKO, SECRETARY (SECOND TIME), MISS SHIRLEY KING, TREASURER, AND MRS. HAZEL WATTS, CHAIRMAN OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

AT 1:30 P.M. WE ALL PROCEEDED TO THE CAFETERIA WHERE THE ALUMNAE, NEW YORK HOSPITAL NURSING DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OUR OWN "FAMILY" WERE GATHERED TOGETHER TO PARTAKE OF THE SCRUMPTUOUS MEAL UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF OUR MRS. CAMPBELL AND MRS. WATSON. OUR GUEST SPEAKER WAS DR. HAROLD R. WAINERDI, DOCTOR OF MEDICINE AND A MAN OF VARIED INTERESTS, (WHICH INCIDENTALLY YOURS TRULY DOES NOT DARE TO GO INTO AT THIS TIME). HIS SPEECH WAS NOT ONLY INTERESTING, BUT ALSO HUMOROUS AND WE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED HIS WIT AND CHARMING MANNER.

WELL, C'EST TOUT, OR BETTER STILL C'EST FINIS, AS OUR FRENCH COMARADES MIGHT SAY.

NICE BEING HOME AND SEEING OUR CLASSMATES ONCE MORE. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR AN ENJOYABLE DAY AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT YEAR.

********** A.V.

THE OLD TREE

THE OLD TREE, PLEASE OH LET IT STAND
DON'T LET IT FALL, NOT NOW
THE GLEAMING AXE HELD BY YOUR HAND
TAKE IT AWAY, SOMEHOW.

AN OLD TREE HAS A CERTAIN CHARM
WHICH ONLY TIME CAN GIVE
AND WHAT IS DOING NO ONE HARM
HAS RIGHT TO BREATHE AND LIVE

WE HUMANS MAKE A MILLION THINGS
IT REALLY IS A SPREE
BUT SOME SWEET VOICE INSIDE ME SINGS
NO ONE DID MAKE A TREE

AN OLD TREE'S LOFTY, SPRAWLING CROWN
LIKE AN OLDSTERS SNOWHITE HAIR
TOOK LONG TO COME INTO ITS OWN
AND BOTH LOOK GRAND AND FAIR.

********** E.N.

NEW MEMBERS JOIN 15-25 YEAR CLUB

On Wednesday, April 23rd the fourth annual Presentation of Service pins to employees and staff was held in our Cafeteria. This was the first time since its inauguration in 1955 that the ceremony has not been part of the Hospital Volunteer's Tea. A luncheon was served to the nine recipients of the awards and all those who had previously received pins for twenty five or more years service. Unfortunately, space did not permit extending an invitation to those who had received fifteen year pins.

The Dietary Department, Mrs. Goldstone and Mrs. Campbell, and all those who worked with them in preparing and serving the meal deserve special commendation. Seldom if ever have we sat down to a more attractive table and a more delicious luncheon. Those receiving pins as well as our two guests, Mr. Lawrence McK. Miller and Mr. Samuel S. Duryee found carnations at their places, white for men and pink for the ladies.

Mr. Miller, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers presided and introduced Mr. Duryee, our President, who in a few words expressed the appreciation of the Board of Managers for the faithful service rendered HSS by these employees for so many years. At the end of the luncheon, Mr. T. Gordon Young briefly told all those present how much it meant to him as Director to have the support year after year of so many loyal and faithful employees.

Those receiving pins were: Fifteen Year Pins, Mrs. Evelyn Merendino, Administration, Mrs. Gwendolyn Dubuque, Nursing, Mrs. David Rentz, Volunteers, Mrs. Sadie Lewis, Housekeeping, Miss Marion Porteous, Nursing, Mr. T. Gordon Young, Director, Mr. Leon Shepard, Pharmacy, Mr. Frank McKenna, Information. Twenty Five Year Pin: Mr. Harold Sullivan, Maintenance.

********** J.C.H.

ODE TO AN APPENDIX

A mystery of life is what you are,
A tiny little thing unpredictable as a star.
Years go by and you lie so still
One might think you had no will.

Then like the thundering heavens you twist and turn;
You stretch and scrape and oh how you burn!
But when you're gone you're soon forgotten
For being so mean and horribly rotten.

********** J.M.C.

THE COFFEE CART

TWO YEARS AGO A NEW IDEA WAS INTRODUCED BY MRS. M. HENRY HOEPLI AT THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEETING. IT WAS VOTED UPON AND PASSED. WITH DONATIONS FROM THE AUXILIARY AND SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FROM DR. RICHARD FREYBERG, THE COFFEE CART WAS BORN. KETTLES OF HOT WATER WERE HEATED IN MISS RATHBURN'S OFFICE, OR IN THE PHARMACY AND A SERVING CART WAS BORROWED FROM THE EIGHTH FLOOR, THUS HOT TEA AND COFFEE WAS SERVED TO THE CLINIC PATIENTS THREE DAYS A WEEK AND WHEN IT WAS RECEIVED WITH SUCH ENTHUSIASM WE WANTED TO EXTEND THE SERVICE. AS THE KETTLES WERE SWISHED BACK AND FORTH FROM THE HOT PLATE TO THE CART, CARE HAD TO BE TAKEN SO THAT NO ONE WAS SPLASHED WITH THE HOT WATER. ALSO, AT TIMES WE HAD TO WAIT FOR THE WATER TO BOIL, THEREFORE, SOME CHANGES HAD TO BE MADE. AFTER RECEIVING MORE GIFTS FROM THE AUXILIARY, A THREE GALLON HOT WATER THERMOS AND A PROFESSIONAL COFFEE CART WAS PURCHASED. MRS. CAMPBELL GRACIOUSLY OFFERED THE HELP OF HER BOYS IN THE CAFETERIA TO PREPARE THE MILK AND FILL THE THERMOS EACH DAY. NOW COFFEE AND TEA ARE SERVED FIVE DAYS A WEEK, MORNING AND AFTERNOON.

COME VISIT THE CLINIC ANY MORNING OR AFTERNOON AND HEAR THE HEART WARMING RESPONSE FROM THE PATIENTS. NO FEE IS CHARGED, BUT MONEY IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE THIS SERVICE. WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO HELP? JUST MAKE OUT YOUR CHECK TO THE HOSPITAL COFFEE CART.

********** C.H.B.

ORTHOPEDIC RESIDENTS

THOSE WHO WERE FORTUNATE TO ATTEND THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING ORTHOPEDIC SOCIETIES AT THE SHOREHAM HOTEL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. RETURNED TO THE HOSPITAL WITH WONDERFUL IMPRESSIONS. WASHINGTON IS A BEAUTIFUL CITY, WITH LOVELY PARKS MONUMENTS AND MUSEUMS. THE WEATHER WAS VERY KIND TO THE VISITORS FROM ENGLAND, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. THERE WERE MANY MEETINGS BOTH ORTHOPEDIC AND SOCIAL. THE HIGHSPOTS OF THE MEETING WAS A VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE, WALTER REID HOSPITAL, THE NAVAL TISSUE BANK AND A VIST TO MT. VERNON.

THE H.S.S. VARIETY SHOW OF 1958 WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS, FROM WHAT I HEAR, FROM THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN IT. IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO CRYSTALIZE THE IMPRESSIONS, THE HAPPENINGS AT THIS STAGE, ALL WE CAN SAY IS THAT EVERYBODY WAS HAVING A GOOD TIME ON STAGE AND OFF STAGE, WE HOPE. IN THE NEXT ISSUE WE SHALL GIVE A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THIS "BROADWAY HIT."

********** K. V.

VOLUNTEERS

THE ANNUAL TEA TO HONOR VOLUNTEERS WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH. INVITATIONS READ "ON THE ROOF" - BUT, AS WE ALL KNOW THE RAINS CAME - AND STAYED. NEVERTHELESS, WE STILL HAD THE PARTY ON THE ROOF, BUT INDOORS BECAUSE MISS CLAPP GRACIOUSLY WELCOMED US TO HER CHARMING APARTMENT FOR THE OCCASION AND THE GUESTS ALL AGREED THAT IT WAS THE LOVLIEST PARTY WE EVER HAD.

TWO MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY PRESIDED AT THE TEA TABLE. THESE LADIES WERE MRS. HENRY ALKER, WHO POURED DELICIOUS HOT COFFEE WITH A GENEROUS HAND, AND MRS. JOHN WINSLOW, WHO DISPENSED ONE OF THE MOST REFRESHING FRUIT PUNCHES YOU EVER DRANK. THE TABLE WAS LADEN WITH SUCH MOUTH-WATERING GOODIES AS LITTLE PATE AND OTHER SANDWICHES, BEAUTIFUL CANAPES, TINY PUFF-PASTRIES, HEAVENLY COOKIES AND CHOCOLATE CAKE RIGHT OUT OF A DREAM. THE CHEF OUTDID HIMSELF AND OUR ONLY REGRET WAS THAT WE COULDN'T EAT MORE!

A GAY AND LOVELY CENTERPIECE OF BRIGHT BLUE AND YELLOW FLOWERS CONTRIBUTED BY OUR MRS. ELMS MADE EVERYONE FORGET THE WEATHER. MRS. PHILIP WILSON PRESENTED THE AWARDS AND MRS. ELMS GAVE EACH AWARDEE A BRIGHT LITTLE FRESH FLOWER CORSAGE.

WE WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK EACH AND EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE VOLUNTEERS TEA SUCH A SUCCESS. THE DIETARY AND HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENTS WHICH CONTRIBUTED SO GENEROUSLY - AND ESPECIALLY OUR DIRECTOR, MR. YOUNG WHO DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HONOR OUR VOLUNTEERS MOST GRACIOUSLY. WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS
1958

MR. ARTHUR AIBINDER 185 HRS. 1½ YRS. MRS. CHARLES DEYO 160 HRS. 10 MOS.
MRS. ALEXANDER COLLIN 153 HOURS 7 MOS. MRS. ELBA EMINENTE 179 HRS. 10 MOS.
MRS. CLARENCE HULST 262 HRS. 2YRS.

	HRS.	YRS.	BARS		HRS.	YRS.
MRS. JOSEPH BOSS	512	2		MRS. MILTON HARBURGER	1,292	6
MRS. MARGARET J. BROWN	8,698	8		MRS. ELSIE HUNSDON	460	4
MRS. RUSSEL CARPENTER	1,727	8		MRS. ANDRE ISTEL	3,104	7
MRS. NEWCOMB COLE	475	3		MRS. HYMAN LEIGHT	3,000	16
MRS. GRACE DENNIS	1,006	5		MRS. SOPHIE ROTHMAN	1,001	5
MRS. ROBERT DEBEVOISE	450	3		MRS. CONSTANCE SHERLOCK	2,559	11
MRS. MARIAN DENTON	600	4		MRS. JOHN SLOANE	1,520	5
MRS. GERTRUDE GELLER	514	2		MISS LOUISE VANDERBILT	2,613	10
MRS. ROBERT GELLER	1,637	5		MISS EMILY VANDERWERKER	1,650	6
MRS. SAUL GOLDSTEIN	1,010	3		MRS. NORMA WURZBURGER	3,117	12
			HONOR AWARDS			
MISS JANE AUSTIN	4,341	10		MRS. LEONARD ELMS	27,286	19
MRS. MARGARET J. BROWN	8,698	8		MR. MILTON HARBURGER	4,274	3
MRS. MORTIMER DAVIS	4,004	9		MRS. M. HENRY HOEPLI	4,000	20

MRS. PHILIP D. WILSON 4,534 HRS. 21 YEARS.

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A.M.

THE HONOR AWARD WINNERS AT THE ANNUAL VOLUNTEER TEA: MRS. M. HENRY HOEPLI, CHM. OF THE W.A.: MRS. P D.WILSON, MRS. M. DAVIS MR. M. HARBURGER AND MRS. L. ELMS. MRS. M.J. BROWN AND MISS JANE AUSTIN WERE NOT PRESENT.

MRS. HENRY A. ALKER POURS COFFEE AT THE VOLUNTEERS RECEPTION.

MR. SAMUEL S. DURYEE HANDS MR. T. GORDON YOUNG HIS PIN FOR 15 YEARS SERVICE AT H.S.S.

SOCIAL SERVICE NOTES

THIS IS THE SEASON OF THE YEAR WHEN MANY AGENCIES ARE HOLDING THEIR YEARLY MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES. AMONG THOSE ATTENDED DURING MAY, WAS AN ALL-DAY CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY THE N.Y. SOCIETY FOR ETHICAL CULTURE ON "AGING - A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY."

MRS. MANDEVILLE REPORTED AN UNUSUALLY LARGE ATTENDANCE OF CITY AND STATE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES TRYING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF HOW WE CAN HELP OLDER PEOPLE TO STAY IN THE MAIN STREAM OF COMMUNITY LIFE.

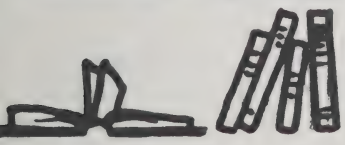
MISS HERBST ATTENDED A WORKSHOP GIVEN BY THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF GREATER N.Y., AND THE NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION ON SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND REHABILITATION CENTERS AVAILABLE IN NEW YORK CITY. THE SECOND MEETING, ON MAY 2ND AT WHICH MISS HERBST PRESENTED CASE ILLUSTRATIONS OF AMPUTEES, WAS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LIMB MANUFACTURERS OF NEW YORK. THIS MEETING HAD COUNTRY WIDE REPRESENTATIVES AND ALSO GUESTS FROM ENGLAND AND CANADA.

REPORTS FROM THESE MEETINGS ARE BROUGHT BACK FOR THE S.S. STAFF CONFERENCES. THE REST HOME FOR CONVALESCENTS IN WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK FOR PROTESTANT WOMEN CELEBRATED ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY WITH AN OPEN HOUSE AND TEA ON MAY 8TH, 1958. MRS. MANDEVILLE AND MRS. CHATER ATTENDED. THE REST HOME ACCOMMODATES SIXTY WOMEN AND THE BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS DELIGHTED ABOUT ONE HUNDRED GUESTS AS WELL AS THE TOUR OF THE HOUSE. RATES ARE UNUSUALLY REASONABLE FOR THESE TIMES OF HIGH PRICES.

MRS. CHATER HAS BEEN COLLABORATING WITH DR. GEORGE MCCULLY ON THE STAFF OF PAYNE WHITNEY INSTITUTE IN A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF BOYS HANDICAPPED BY POLIOMYELITIS AND THOSE HANDICAPPED BY MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY. SHE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTING THIS CONTROL GROUP FROM OUR ACTIVE CASES WITH CERTAIN SPECIFICATIONS AS TO AGE, INVOLVEMENT OF LEGS ONLY, MENTAL, PARENTAL AND HOME STATUS. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS STUDY WILL REACH OUT BEYOND POLIO ALONE AND HELP IN HANDLING OTHER HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND ASSIST PARENTS IN PLANNING THE CHILDREN'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, WITH WHOM THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY WILL BE SHARED.

********** L.C.

PATIENTS' LIBRARIES



STARTING ON JUNE 1ST THE BOOK CARTS WILL CIRCULATE TO EVERY ROOM ON TUESDAYS ONLY. THE LIBRARY ITSELF WILL BE OPEN ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS AS USUAL FOR THE EXCHANGE OF BOOKS. REMEMBER NO BOOK CARTS ON FRIDAYS AFTER JUNE 1ST.

THE BOOK SALE NETTED THE LIBRARY $95.25 TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW BOOKS FOR YOUR USE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST.

********** J.C.B.

GIGANTIC CONTEST!!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN A THUNDERBIRD A TRIP TO BERMUDA, A BUNGALOW IN "HOME SWEET HOME ACRES", A HAMMOND ORGAN, A TELEVISION SET, OR A BALL POINT PEN? IF SO, WE CANNOT HELP YOU, BUT WE SUGGEST YOU CONSULT ANY ONE OF THE MORE POPULAR WEEKLY OR MONTHLY MAGAZINES AND READ THE ADS, YOU CANNOT MISS. HOWEVER, WE OFFER YOU A CHANCE TO ENTER A CONTEST IN WHICH YOU CAN WIN FAME, RECOGNITION, THE ENVY OF YOUR FRIENDS AND MANY OTHER INTANGIBLES THAT CAN'T BE BOUGHT. YOU DON'T NEED ANY BOX TOPS OR EVEN NEED TO FINISH THE SENTENCE "I LIKE SPECIAL SURGERY BECAUSE_____.

NOW HEAR THIS!: THE R&C IS SPONSORING A PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST OF VACATION PICTURES. IT IS OPEN TO ANYONE AND EVERYONE WHO WORKS FOR HSS AND THAY LAST PHRASE IS TO BE CONSTRUED LITERALLY.

WHILE YOU ARE ON YOUR VACATION THIS SUMMER, TAKE ALONG YOUR TRUSTY LEICA, ROLOFLEX OR BROWNIE AND BRING BACK SOME PHOTOS OF WHERE YOU WERE AND WHAT YOU SAW. THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER THAT MAY BE PHOTOGRAPHED. THE PHOTOS CAN BE LANDSCAPES, SEASCAPES, PORTRAITS, INTERESTING EVENTS IN THIS COUNTRY OR ABROAD (SUCH AS THE WORLD'S FAIR AT BRUSSELS, OR A DAY AT PALISADE PARK). THEY CAN BE IN BLACK AND WHITE OR COLOR. WE PLAN TO HAVE AN EXHIBIT OF COLOR TRANSPARENCIES. IF YOUR ENTRY IS IN BLACK AND WHITE IT SHOULD BE PRINTED PREFERABLY ON MATTE FINISH AND NOT SMALLER THAN 8x10. THE ENTRIES WILL BE EXHIBITED FOR ONE WEEK.

A COMMITTEE OF THREE JUDGES, TO BE ANNOUNCED, WILL PICK OUT THE WINNERS IN THE VARIOUS CLASSES AS FOLLOWS:

1. ANIMALS, BIRDS, ETC (WILD LIFE-THE WILDER THE BETTER)
2. PORTRAITS,
   - A CHILDREN
   - B ADULTS
3. LANDSCAPES, SEASCAPES
4. STILL LIFE.

OF COURSE THE WINNING PHOTOS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE R&C.

P. S.: THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS IN ALL DIVISIONS, WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER, FOR WE DON'T KNOW YET HOW MUCH MONEY IS AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, DON'T LET THE AMOUNT OF PRIZE MONEY DETERMINE YOUR DECISION. PERISH THE THOUGHT! TAKE THAT CAMERA ON YOUR VACATION AND BRING BACK AN ENTRY FOR THE CONTEST.

********** J.C.H.

CLINIC NOTES

SPRING, SPRING, BEAUTIFUL SPR----WHEESH! GAZUNDHEIT! SO FAR 1958 HAS BEEN THE SECOND WETTEST YEAR IN THE HISTORY OF NEW YORK'S WEATHER BUREAU. WE WONDER IF THE BUREAU THOUGHT ANYONE NEEDED TO BE TOLD THAT?

MISS RITA GARTEN IS THE NEW CLINIC SECRETARY, TAKING THE PLACE OF "MICKIE", WHO LEFT TO CONCENTRATE ON HER STUDIES AT HUNTER COLLEGE - MISS GARTEN IS PROVING EFFICIENT AND HELPFUL, AND WE HOPE SHE WILL BE WITH US A LONG TIME.

THE CASUALTY LIST HAS BEEN HIGH AGAIN: MRS. FLOOD WAS OUT ONE DAY DUE TO ILLNESS, MRS. ROBERTS HAS BEEN OUT SEVERAL DAYS FOR THE SAME REASON, AND MRS. CLEMENS IS AT HOME FOR TWO WEEKS WITH A THRIVING CASE OF MEASLES -- PROBABLY THE GIFT OF HER YOUNG TWINS!

DR. GRANIERI, WHO IS WORKING WITH DR. STRAUB ON A STUDY OF "THE EQUALISATION OF LEG LENGHTS" IN PATIENTS, HAS BEEN EXAMINING CASES IN THE PLASTER ROOM RECENTLY, AND IT WAS VERY NICE TO HAVE HIM WITH US AGAIN. WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE GRANIERI ENTOURAGE IS DOING FINE, AS ARE ITS OTHER MEMBERS.....AND WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE FOR MRS. JAMES WILLIAMS, FORMERLY OF CLINIC'S STERILE TECHNIQUE ROOM, THAT SHE IS THE DELIGHTFUL MOTHER OF A BOUNCING BABY BOY--JUST WHAT SHE WANTED -- BORN ON MAY 8, AT LYING-IN HOSPITAL ACROSS THE STREET, AND NAMED JAMES RUSSELL WILLIAMS. THE PROUD FATHER SURVIVED THE ORDEAL BETTER THAN EXPECTED AND WAS SOON CALM ENOUGH TO RECEIVE CONGRATULATIONS!

EVERYONE IS FEELING SO SOGGY FROM CONTINUOUS RAIN AND FOG THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DISCOVER NO ONE WITH ANY DEFINITE VACATION PLANS. PERHAPS WHEN, IF EVER, THE SUN COMES OUT LONG ENOUGH TO DRY OUT THE GENERAL DAMPNESS, EVERYONE WILL FEEL MORE LIKE PLANNING THEIR SUMMER TRIPS... ....WE HEAR THAT MRS. SCHOPPMAN IS DOING NICELY AND THAT SHE WILL SOON BE BACK.

********** M.J.B.

AMONG OURSELVES

EVERYONE AT HSS KNOWS THAT MRS. WALTER D. FLETCHER, A VICE PRESIDENT OF OUR BOARD OF MANAGERS, WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE MANHATTAN - BRONX WOMEN'S DIVISION OF UNITED HOSPITAL FUND LAST FALL. MANY OF US KNOW HOW MUCH SHE GAVE IN TIME AND EFFORT TO THAT DRIVE AND WHAT AN EXCELLENT JOB SHE DID IN RAISING THE MONEY. THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNITED HOSPITAL FUND FOR THIS YEAR UNDER THE TITLE OF "CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP" HAS THIS TO SAY: "PRAISE MUST BE GIVEN TO MRS. WALTER D. FLETCHER WHO SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MANHATTAN-BRONX WOMEN'S DIVISION. SHE BROUGHT TO THE CAMPAIGN A NEW VIGOR AND AN INFORMED INTEREST IN HOSPITALS".....AT THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE UNITED HOSPITAL FUND AWARDS TO VOLUNTEERS ON MAY 8TH, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THIS HOSPITAL WAS ONE OF THE FIVE VOLUNTARY

HOSPITALS WHOSE VOLUNTEERS GAVE OVER 25,000 HOURS OF SERVICE.....AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITED HOSPITAL FUND LAST MONTH, MRS. M. HENRY HOEPLI, CHAIRMAN OF OUR AUXILIARY WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOSPITAL AUXILIARIES FOR THE UNITED HOSPITAL FUND.....THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY LOST ONE OF ITS MOST LOYAL AND ACTIVE MEMBERS IN APRIL UPON THE DEATH OF MRS. FREDERIC C. SHOREY. SHE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE AUXILIARY FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS.....ON MAY 20TH AND 22ND OUR DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH INVITED THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS AND WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO MAKE TOURS THROUGH THAT DEPARTMENT TO SEE FIRST HAND WHAT INTERESTING WORK WAS BEING CARRIED ON THERE. DR. J. PAUL HARVEY HAD CHARGE OF THESE TOURS. TEA WAS SERVED AFTERWARDS...ON APRIL 8TH, DR. T. CAMPBELL THOMPSON ADDRESSED FORT STEUBEN ACADEMY OF MEDICINE AT STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, ON THE SUBJECT OF "OSTEDOID OSTEOMAS".....THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WAS UNDERMANNED MOST OF THE WEEK OF MAY 19TH - 23RD. THE CAUSE: - MIDDLE ATLANTIC HOSPITAL ASSEMBLY AT ATLANTIC CITY. IT WAS REPORTED THAT IT WAS JUST DELIGHTFUL ON THE BOARDWALK, THE SEAFOOD WAS EXCELLENT AND, OH YES! MANY OF THE MEETINGS WERE MOST INTERESTING.....

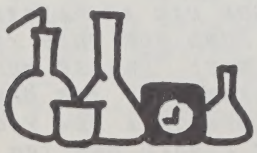
ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH THE BOARD OF MANAGERS AND THE ATTENDING STAFF WITH THEIR WIVES AND HUSBANDS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SPEND THE DAY AT THE CASPARY RECREATION CENTER AT DEBRUCE, N.Y. THIS IS THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HAVE HAD TO INSPECT THIS DELIGHTFUL VACATION SPOT IN THE CATSKILLS THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE HOSPITAL FOR THE USE OF ITS MEDICAL STAFF. A PICNIC LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AND THOSE WHO ARE SO INCLINED MAY TRY THE NEW SWIMMING POOL WHICH HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW YORK STATE MEDICAL RECORDS LIBRARIANS WAS HELD AT THE HOTEL STATLER IN MAY. MISS STELLA CICERO, MEDICAL RECORD LIBRARIAN, HSS ATTENDED AND MISS MARY JEANNE CLAPP, DIRECTOR OF NURSING, WAS A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL PANEL DISCUSSION GROUP. THIS PANEL WAS COMPRISED OF SIX PEOPLE REPRESENTING VARIOUS HOSPITAL DEPARTMENTS, AND ITS PURPOSE WAS TO GIVE THE RECORD LIBRARIANS A CHANCE TO SEE THEIR WORK THROUGH THE EYES OF THEIR COLLEAGUES.

ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 21ST A GROUP OF OVER FIFTY MEMBERS AND THEIR WIVES OF THE BRITISH ORTHOPEDIC FELLOWS VISITED HSS AND WERE SHOWN THROUGH THE HOSPITAL BY DR. T. CAMPBELL THOMPSON. REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED AFTERWARD IN THE RESIDENT'S LOUNGE ON THE THIRD FLOOR.

********** J.C.H.

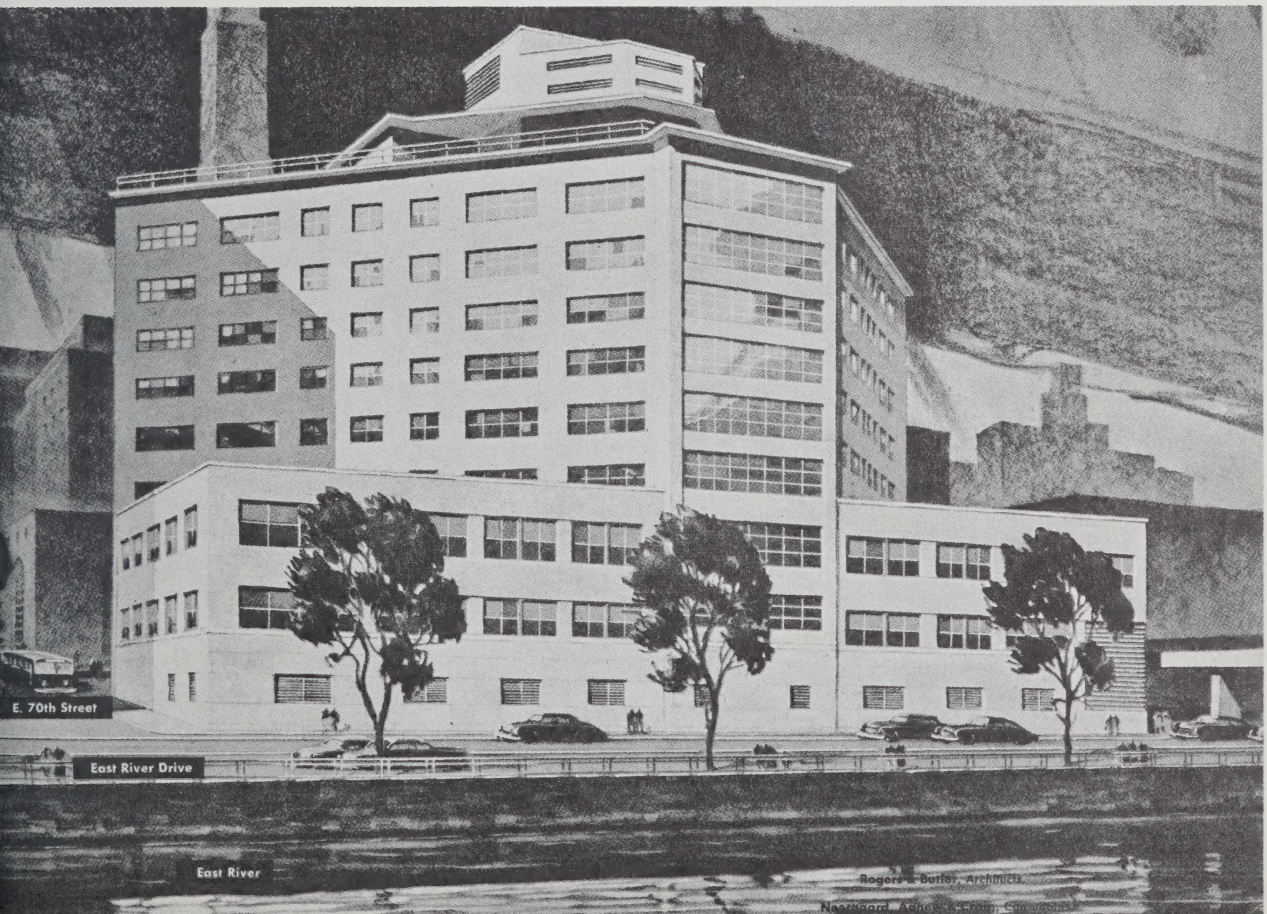
TEST TUBES AND GUINEA PIGS



WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WAY. WHEN DR. MARCHISELLO JOINED THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT, THERE WAS SOME QUESTION WHERE HE COULD GET LABORATORY FACILITIES. AT PRESENT, QUARTERS ARE SO TIGHT THAT STORAGE CABINETS OFTEN HAVE TO BE PLACED IN THE HALL. HOWEVER, THROUGH DR. WILSON AND THE COOPERATION OF DR. UMBERGER, HE WAS ABLE TO

GET SOME LABORATORY SPACE WHICH NOW HAS BECOME A BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY. SOON IT WILL, IN FACT, BE A "CELL" HIVE, WITH CELLS GROWING IN TISSUE CULTURE. THIS IS THE TECHNIQUE WHICH ALLOWS CELLS TO GROW AND MULTIPLY WHEN THEY ARE NO LONGER PART OF THE BODY.

TALKING OF TIGHT QUARTERS - - - HAVE YOU EVER TRIED GOING INTO THE ANIMAL SURGERY ROOM WHEN COCO LIEBMAN WAS RUNNING THE VAN SLYKE MACHINE AND DOCTORS FATMA EROGLU AND PAUL HARVEY WERE OPERATING ON A RABBIT? IT IS A GOOD THING ANIMAL WORK DOES NOT USUALLY REQUIRE AN ANETHETIST OR THE POOR RABBIT WOULD GET CLAUSTROPHOBIA.

INCIDENTALLY, YOU MAY THINK OF RABBITS AS PROVERBIALLY FRUITFUL, BUT WHEN ONE HEARS OF THE DIFFICULTIES OUR RESEARCHERS HAVE HAD IN GETTING THEM TO MULTIPLY, ONE WONDERS WHETHER THIS IS NOT A RUSSIAN PROVERB.

********** F. B.